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Application No. 10/727,633	)	Examiner: (unassigned)
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Filed: December 5, 2003	)	Confirmation No. 9629
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For: LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTING PLATE	)	
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**DOCUMENT SETTING FORTH THE STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

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Sir:

The status of the claims in the above-identified divisional application are set forth as follows:

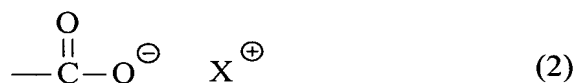
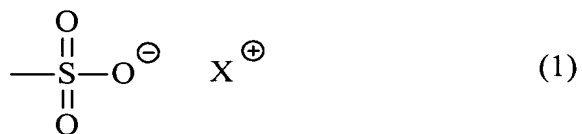
**STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Canceled)

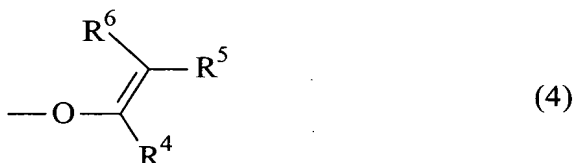
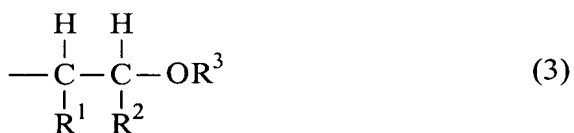
2. (Original) A lithographic printing plate precursor comprising a support having a hydrophilic surface having provided thereon an image-forming layer containing a hydrophobic infrared ray absorber having at least either a functional group represented by formula (1) or a functional group represented by formula (2):



wherein X<sup>+</sup> represents an iodonium ion, a sulfonium ion or a diazonium ion.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The lithographic printing plate precursor as claimed in claim 2, wherein the image-forming layer contains a compound having at least either a functional group represented by formula (3) or a functional group represented by formula (4):



wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> each represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an aryl group, an alkynyl group or an alkenyl group; R<sup>3</sup> represents an alkyl group, an aryl group, an alkynyl group or an alkenyl group; R<sup>4</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an aryl group, an alkynyl group or an alkenyl group; either R<sup>5</sup> or R<sup>6</sup> represents a hydrogen atom and the other represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an aryl group, an alkynyl group or an alkenyl group; and arbitrary two of R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> may form a ring, and arbitrary two of R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> may form a ring.